

**Allocation of Seats
Political Balance Arrangements
Local Government & Housing Act 1989**

59 ORDINARY COMMITTEE SEATS

Ordinary Committees

Total Membership of Committees:

Scrutiny (Policy & Performance) Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Planning Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Dover Joint Transportation Board	7 on 1 Committee	= 07
Governance Committee	7 on 1 Committee	= 07
Regulatory Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
General Purposes Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
Electoral Matters Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
Total Number of Seats on Committees		= 59

Membership of Political Parties as a % of Total Membership

	Number	PCT%
Conservative	25	55.56
Labour	18	40.00
UKIP	2	4.44
Total	45	100.00

Overall Entitlement to Seats

Conservative	55.56% of 59 seats equals 32.78	Equals	33 seats
Labour	40.00% of 59 seats equals 23.60	Equals	24 seats
UKIP	4.44% of 59 seats equals 2.62	Equals	3 seats
Total			60

Allocation of Seats

There are a total of 59 seats on Ordinary Committees of the Council to be allocated, assuming that Council decides not to reappoint the Standards Committee. Based on the above this over allocates 60 out of 59 seats and therefore requires an adjustment to resolve the over allocation.

In resolving the seat over allocation, the Labour Group has the lowest part entitlement (.60) compared to the other two groups (Conservative .78 and UKIP .62) so this figure has been rounded down.

Having allocated seats to committees in accordance with the political balance rules any seats remaining under/over allocated are allocated to the group with the nearest whole number having regard to the overall proportionality (where possible).

Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.56 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	40.00%	Equals	4.00 seats	Equal to	4
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.44 seats	Equals to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 10 of the 10 seats.

Although the Conservative Group has the largest whole number rounding (.56 as opposed to .00 and .44 respectively) it is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Conservative Group seats by -1 to 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 5 Conservative, 4 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.56 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	40.00%	Equals	4.00 seats	Equal to	4
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.44 seats	Equals to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 10 of the 10 seats.

As the Conservative Group has the smallest whole number rounding (.56 as opposed to .00 and .44 respectively) it is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Conservative Group seats by -1 to 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 5 Conservative, 4 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

Planning Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.56 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	40.00%	Equals	4.00 seats	Equal to	4
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.44 seats	Equals to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 10 of the 10 seats.

As the Conservative Group seat allocation now matches its overall entitlement with the adjustment to the 2 scrutiny committees, the remaining negative seat adjustment can be made. It is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Labour Group seats by -1 to 3 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 6 Conservative, 3 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

Governance Committee (7 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	3.89 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.80 seats	Equal to	3
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.31 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					7

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 7 of the 7 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 4 Conservative, 3 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 7 seats).

Dover Joint Transportation Board (7 DDC Seats – 7 KCC Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	3.89 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.80 seats	Equal to	3
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.31 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					7

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 7 of the 7 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 4 Conservative, 3 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 7 seats).

Regulatory Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.78 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.00 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.22 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 5 seats).

General Purposes Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.78 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.00 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.22 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 5 seats).

Electoral Matters Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.78 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.00 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.22 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 5 seats).

Member Appointments Falling Outside Of The Political Balance Rules**(a) The Licensing Committee**

The Political Balance Rules do not apply to this Committee. However, in accordance with previous practice it is suggested that it should be applied and the following allocation should be used:

Licensing Committee (15 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	8.33 seats	Equal to	8
Labour	40.00%	Equals	6.00 seats	Equal to	6
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.67 seats	Equal to	1
Total					15

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 8 Conservative, 6 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 15 seats).

(b) The East Kent Shared Services Committee

If proportionality were to be applied to this committee then it would split the seats between the two largest political groups. However, as the committee has no requirement to be politically balanced and the terms of reference of the committee require the appointment to

be the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council (as well as the Leader and Deputy Leader for Canterbury City Council and Thanet District Council), the appointments should be made as per the terms of reference.

The East Kent Shared Services Committee (2 seats)

Political Group

Conservative	Equal to	2
Labour	Equal to	0
UKIP	Equal to	0
Total		2

(c) Other Bodies – Advisory Bodies Not Open to Public

Joint Staff Consultative Forum (5 seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.78 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.00 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.22 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 5 seats).

Joint Health, Safety and Welfare Consultative Forum (5 seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.78 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	40.00%	Equals	2.00 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	4.44%	Equals	0.22 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 0 UKIP (total of 5 seats).